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The Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services, R. 1-23
12420 Parklawn Dr.
Rockville, M.D. 20857

Re: 99P-1340/CP 1

Petition to have "Eternity eau de **parfum**" Misbranded

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May, 1999, The Environmental Health Network (LEHN) submitted the above petition to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity eau de **parfum**" declared misbranded. I am writing because I fully support this petition and request that the FDA give it careful attention with regard to your regulations 21CFR Sec.740.1, 21 CFR SEC. 740.2, and 21 CFR Sec. 740.10. Regulations 21CFR Sec.10 specifically states:

"Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel: **"Warning--The** safety of this product has not been determined."

As the petition shows, "Eternity" contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety have not been substantiated. There is no warning label on its packaging.

We all have a right to know the status of safety testing of the ingredients in products such as "Eternity" so that we can protect ourselves and our families from toxic chemicals that may cause health problems. Most people are not aware that most fragrances materials have only limited safety testing. They wrongfully assume these products are safe to use in any setting and are surprised when people complain.

Like tobacco smoke, the harmful chemicals currently used in these products may effect the health of many people, including: people with asthma, (of which I am one who suffers greatly), chemical sensitivities, particularly vulnerable to toxic chemicals found in products purchased to fragrance products, such as "Eternity," I experience, coughing, wheezing, difficulty breathing, stuffy nose, and a full asthma attack. Asthma sufferers have been known to die because of an asthma attack. It is vitally important to those of us who have asthma to breath clean air, that is free of chemicals. Nearly 5, 000 people die because of asthma each year in the U.S. (Altman, L. 1993).

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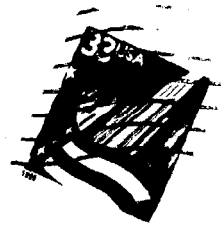
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Please act on behalf of the millions of people who have suffered physical illness and injury resulting from fragrance exposure at work, school and in social settings. These toxic chemicals act as powerful barriers to people disabled by asthma and chemical sensitivities. Because of this, toxic chemicals in fragrances have already ruined countless lives. Thank you.

Sincerely


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